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SUBJECT: SOVIET MAY 8 RECEPTION

1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR TIKUNOV TELLS ME THAT HE HAD PLANNED TO TAKE THREE MONTHS LEAVE IN THE USSR BEGINNING EARLY APRIL BUT THAT MOSCOW HAS INSISTED HE REMAIN HERE TO HOST LARGE RECEPTION ON MAY 8 TO CELEBRATE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF "THE GREAT SOVIET VICTORY OVER GERMANY."

2. MOSCOW MUST INDEED ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THIS OCCASION EVEN THOUGH INTEREST IN WORLD WAR II EVENTS HERE IS AT BEST MARGINAL. BOTH TIKUNOV AND HIS WIFE HAVE HAD GREAT TROUBLE ADJUSTING TO CLIMATE AND MRS TIKUNOV HAS BEEN ILL FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. BOTH APPEAR TO BE IN GREAT NEED OF A REST.

3. ASSUMING CELEBRATION IS TO BE WORLD WIDE AFFAIR, I WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO THIS SOVIET INITIATIVE AS WELL AS GUIDANCE REGARDING ATTENDANCE BY EMBASSY OFFICERS.

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